

**Joint Meeting of the NJ Commission on Environmental Education
And Interagency Work Group AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**7th Floor LARGE Conference Room, DEP Headquarters
Trenton, New Jersey**

9:00 a.m. Coffee/tea and condiments

9:30 a.m. Opening Remarks

- Welcome and introductions
- **MOTION** to accept September (phone) meeting notes (draft)
- Review agenda/new business items, if any

*Dale Rosselet,
Chair*

9:40 National and State EE Updates

- NAAEE conference activity and summary
- NCLI Act update and any other federal legislation and activity
- U.S. DOE's Green Ribbon Schools Program - status
- U.S. DOA's CASE environmental science course
- NJ science standards – updates
- NJ proposed bills for green career certification
- NJSBA and EIRC green schools partnership
- ANJEE announcement: grant opportunity for NJELP
- ANJEE update: NJ EE Directory
- ANJEE update: 25-year anniversary plans
- ANJEE update: Conference news
- ANJEE update: PALS Grants program – status

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10:15 Call to Action - Committee Update

- Distribution of draft *A Call to Action* (with DEP highlights)
- Walk through contents and review (highlighted) changes
- Status of nominations package for NJCEE membership - makeup
- Q/A and next steps regarding CTA and groups

Dale and Tanya

10:55 BREAK

11:05 Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Education

- DEP's economic growth and green energy goals and activities
- DEP's sustainability efforts (past and present) and links to formal education
- Summary of next steps regarding DEP's environmental literacy and sustainability education efforts
- Q/A and group discussion
 - *Michele Siekerka, Assistant Commissioner, Economic Growth & Green energy*
 - *Angelene Taccini, Director, Office of Communications*

11:40 a.m. Updates and Wrap Up

- Meeting highlights
- Logistics for next meeting (full-day, off-site meeting)
- Wrap up and departure

*Dale Rosselet
Jim Shissias
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Attendance:

NJCEE: Jim Shissias, Anne Galli, Tanya Oznowich, Iris Duffield, Dale Rosselet, Rich Belcher, Barbara Rich

IWG: Marc Rogoff, Elizabeth Faircloth, Kyra Hoffmann, Ray Nichols

Public/Guests/Nominees: Pat Skelly, Roberta Hunter, Mike Chodruff, Maryann Evanko, Dr. Robbins

- **MOTION** to accept September (phone) meeting notes (draft)
Motion to accept made by Anne, seconded by Iris, all in favor.

National and State EE Updates

- NAAEE conference activity and summary *Roberta H./Tanya O.*
Roberta – a brief synopsis of the conf included; pre-service education, sustainability, certification, environmental literacy plans. A framework for En Lit will be rolled out on Dec. 1, 2011. A framework on how to construct assessment, NCATE and EE. Pat – advocacy at both state and federal levels. NAAEE funded a Cornell Initiative – Env. Justice.
- NCLI Act update and any other federal legislation and activity *Pat Skelly*
Pat – senate help committee working today to work up the new ESEA, EL did not make it into that bill. EPA office of EE still has a zero budget for the next fiscal year. They are working to restore it and get EE back into the ESEA bill. Letters to our senators are still needed to show public support.
- U.S. DOE's Green Ribbon Schools Program - status *Tanya O./Pat Skelly*
Announced last year – federal criteria is now included, the states are required to set standards. DEP has offered to work with the DOE on this program. 4 schools per state can be nominated. There will be 50 schools nationwide recognized. Fact sheet is available online.
- U.S. DOA's CASE environmental science course *Tanya O./Rich Belcher*
Curriculum of Agricultural Science Education; program moving forward – getting national attention. Being field tested in NJ. Including this program in the Env. Lit plan will help to qualify NJ for federal monies.
- NJ science standards – updates *Tanya Oznowich*
Mike Heinz will speak at Dec meeting. Press announcement from DOE distributed. NJ is one of 20 states that will help draft the national standards. NJ has been used as a model for the national standards. The frameworks are currently under public review, these will be used to help draft the nationals. A link will be emailed to all commission members. NJ will adopt the national standards by the end of 2015.
- NJ proposed bills for green career certification *Tanya Oznowich*
Bill circulated to members. 2 bills introduced to state assembly and senate. These propose monies for green careers. These bills are tied to the economy and sustainability. These bills are currently moving forward.
- NJSBA and EIRC green schools partnership *Tanya Oznowich*
Handout distributed. NJ School boards assoc. put money toward green school efforts. EIRC put together a green school model and will use the money for research on: is building performance improve, does student learning improve. (Mike – a doctoral candidate is visiting the Willow school – “Greens Schools as third teacher”) Sustainability conference in March!
- ANJEE announcement: grant opportunity for NJELP *Tanya Oznowich*

A private family foundation offered to give ANJEE up to \$15,000. Meeting to follow today. All are invited to stay.

- ANJEE update: NJ EE Directory **Marc Rogoff**
Will go live during the ANJEE conference in January. Attendees will be encouraged to help fill the directory with information.
- ANJEE update: 25-year anniversary plans **Tanya Oznowich**
This Saturday – 25th Anniversary Banquet. \$45.00 5pm-9pm at Pines Manor in Edison.
- ANJEE update: Conference news **Elizabeth Faircloth**
The Call for Proposals is still open, till the 27th of Oct. Still looking for a keynote. See the website for full information. www.anjee.net
- ANJEE update: PALS Grants program – status **Roberta Hunter**
Partnership with PSEG foundation. See the ANJEE website for participants. The programs that were required for awardees will be offered at the ANJEE conference.

Call to Action - Committee Update

Dale and Tanya

- Distribution of draft *A Call to Action* (with DEP highlights)
Changes to the text to include a greater focus on sustainability were made and draft copies are available. The CTA will be considered an interim document for 2 years. In 2014 a new document will be created entitled “Educating with the Future in Mind”.
“*Regeneration*” – the next step after Sustainability.
- Walk through contents and review (highlighted) changes
Adding an additional action item on sustainability. ELP will be led by ANJEE.
We are 1 short of a quorum, so this will be sent out electronically for a vote. Please review the draft copy and contact Tanya if you have any questions or comments. (By Nov. 1, 2011)
- Status of nominations package for NJCEE membership - makeup
Current list is working its way through Commissioners office – then to the Governors.
- Q/A and next steps regarding CTA and groups
Final draft will be presented prior to Thanksgiving. Tanya will draft the Commissioner’s letter for his approval.

Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Education

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Updates and Wrap Up

- Logistics for next meeting (full-day, off-site meeting) **Jim Shissias**
November 15th, 2011. Meet in Salem at the Energy and Environment Center, 10 am – 12 pm. Afternoon will feature a tour of simulated power plant control room. Tour will end by 3 pm. Bring your own lunch.
- Wrap up and departure **Dale Rosselet**
Motion to adjourn made by Rich, seconded by Iris, all in favor.